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THE TIME TO PAY UP.

It is fast nearing the first of January, 1904, and The Record has a large number of subscribers that are indebted to us for sums ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00 or \$6. The New Year is a good time to start in with a clear account, and while the sum may seem small to you, in the aggregate they foot up into the hundreds and thousands. A newspaper business is the same as any other. It takes money to pay for material and labor and too much credit soon ruins the brightest of prospects. If you owe The Record a dollar call in and pay it. You will be given a neatly printed receipt and when you read your home paper next year you can do so with a clear conscience.

Many of our subscribers do not know how to ascertain when their subscription is due or how much they owe. We have often been asked these questions:

"How much do I owe you on subscription?"

"How many weeks am I paid in advance?"

Here is the simple method of ascertaining how you stand on The Record subscription books:

EXAMPLE.
The number of The Record January 1, 1904, will be 1293
The number opposite your name at the head of the paper or on the wrapper, is..... 1212

Difference..... 81
You would be indebted to The Record for one year and 29 weeks at \$1.00 per year, or \$1.58 in total.
Compare your number with the number of The Record and if you owe us anything, we will cheerfully accept it.

Yours truly,
THE ALMA RECORD CO.

THE SPITTING ORDINANCE.

Show us the man who says we are not putting on metropolitan airs. He will immediately be ostracized from society; he will be embalmed and placed in the northeast corner of oblivion; he will be designated as an outcast the balance of his days; he will be—but why harrow our feelings with the thought that there is such a being in existence who would dare make such an unholy assertion. Has not the edict gone forth that there shall be no more expectorating (spitting) upon our sidewalks? Have our village fathers not said that any person caught committing such a vile act shall at once be compelled to shell out shillings to the amount of from \$1 to \$5, or if not in possession of the filthy, be incarcerated in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty days? Waste paper comes under the ban also, but receptacles are to be provided for all such, placed at intervals along the streets and emptied when too full to accommodate more. The expectorator (spitter) should also have cuspidors placed along the street for his benefit, but he won't. He will have to either swallow or wait until he reaches a sewer catch basin and relieve himself of his expectorate (spit), as the opportunity presents itself. To be serious, however the ordinance is a commendable one if enforced. There is nothing more disgusting than to see a man deliver himself of the filth from his mouth on the walk where women are obliged to trail their skirts, and from a sanitary point of view it is also abominable. The habit of throwing pieces of paper promiscuously about on the streets is another nuisance that should be abated. But the main thing when an ordinance of this nature is passed is to see that it is enforced, and The Record is of the opinion that in this case at least it will take a special force of policeman to do so. It may work all right in the cities, and may in Alma—time will tell.

THE RECORD is issued this week in sixteen-page form in order to accommodate the large amount of extra advertising for Christmas and at the same time not detract from its value as a news medium. The Record appreciates the confidence of its advertisers in patronizing its columns so liberally and in return endeavors to give value for value. A large number of sample copies are being sent out this week in addition to the regular edition and it is hoped that the results will be far reaching to the advertisers as well as The Record. To those who receive The Record this week, we ask them to compare it with other country newspapers, read the advertisements and if the Christmas buying has not been cared for ere this, patronize those

merchants whom you see represented in its columns.

CHICAGO gets the Republican national convention for 1904, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, the two strongest rivals for the honor, being defeated on the first ballot at Washington last Saturday when the national committee met for the purpose of choosing the place and deciding upon the date, June 21 was the date selected.

WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH of Michigan has introduced a bill in Congress making the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday; he has also introduced a bill making the anniversary of William McKinley's birthday a legal holiday.

THE annual meeting of the Western Michigan Fair association will be held in Grand Rapids the third Tuesday in January, when full reports regarding the fair last fall will be presented and plans discussed for next season.

SECRETARY SHAW is his annual message laments the disappearance of his surplus. If the newspaper editor was in the habit of making an annual financial report, the same sort of lamentation would appear with yearly regularity.

SECRETARY SHAW'S annual report takes an optimistic view of the condition of the country, indicating that any financial crisis has passed and that the coming months will show appreciation in values of all kinds.

THERE is but one Republican in this country who could save a split in the party and be elected President of the United States—and that man is the hero of San Juan hill—Theodore Roosevelt.

WM. ALDEN SMITH has decided not to become a candidate for delegate at large to the Republican National Convention, and Representatives Fordney and Hamilton have also decided to stay out of the race.

WHERE was the man with the snow plow Saturday night and Sunday morning during the heavy snow storm? He let the golden opportunity pass for making himself famous.

NOT one spade of earth has been turned on the Panama canal yet it has cost this government nearly \$4,000,000 to date. At this rate what will it cost to complete the big ditch?

It is good to be children, some times, says Dickens, and never better than at Christmas, where its mighty founder was a child himself.

A BOY in Colorado sat down on a keg of powder to have a quiet smoke. He is still smoking or what was left of him when found.

IN URGING the good roads propaganda in his message the President practically retires from the rough riding class.

It's about time for Gen. Wood to come home and defend himself against the traducer of his good name.

CRITICS declare that Patti has lost her voice, but that matters little so long as she gets her \$1,000 per night.

J. W. BRYAN was recently presented to the Pope in Rome. Did he talk silver to His Holiness?

MARKET REPORT.

Corrected Dec 15, 1903.
Wheat, corn, oats and rye remain the same as last week. Butter has advanced two cents, eggs remaining stationary. Live stock has dropped way off. Poultry about the same.

Wheat, new	84
Wheat, old	83
Oats	37
Rye	52
Corn, old	50
Corn, new	48
Potatoes	50
Butter	60
Eggs	1.40
Apples per bushel	4.50
Oranges per box	1.40
Butter	18.00
Honey	12
Onions, per bushel	16
Green Peas	16
Green Beans	16
Peas	16
Beans	16
Apples per bushel	4.50
Oranges per box	1.40
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Peas	16
Beans	16

EXCURSIONS VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE

For the annual Canadian holiday excursion, the Pere Marquette will sell round trip tickets to nearly all points in Canada on the Grand Trunk Ry., the Intercolonial Ry., the Canadian Pacific Ry., the Michigan Central and the Wabash, at a rate of ONE FARE for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 17 to 20, inclusive, good to return leaving destination not later than January 9, 1904. Ask ticket agents for rates of fare, points to which tickets are sold, etc.

LIVE STOCK SHOW, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 5.
Tickets will be sold from all stations on November 29th and 30th and December 1st, at rate of one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Good to return until December 7th.
H. F. MOELLER, G. P. A.

Our Schools

DUES SHOULD BE PAID.

The president was unable to be present at the last meeting of the debating club, but the attendance was good and the enthusiasm great. After the business session the Cuban tariff bill was discussed. Local option was also discussed. All members whose dues are paid up within the next week will be taken to St. Johns at the expense of the society.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Kate Hall has re-entered school. Harry Willard has re-entered school. June Rhines has entered the high school.

Willie Lott has entered the third grade.

Lola McCarty is a new pupil in the fifth grade.

Charley Babcock is a new pupil in the sixth grade.

Most of the plants at school were frozen during the late cold weather.

Ethel Sober and Gretta Bagley of the class of 1903, visited school Thursday.

The literary meeting Friday will be a business session with a short program.

About fourteen students enjoyed a sleighride to St. Louis last Wednesday.

Mrs. Oliver McQuiston visited Miss McClaren in the sixth grade room last week.

The fourth grade room is being decorated by Chinese lanterns made by the students.

Excellent programs are being prepared throughout the grades for the Christmas exercises.

Miss Chase has not yet recovered from her illness, and her absence is regretted by all the students.

The high school has been mourning the loss of an ancient and historical relic—the recitation seat.

Kate Hall, having resigned her position as business manager of the "Owl," Ralph Watson was elected manager and Glenn Montigel, assistant manager.

ORDER OF HEARING:—State of Michigan, County of Gratiot, ss: At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Gratiot, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Ithaca, on Tuesday, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1903, the said court was organized.

Present, Isaac S. Seaver, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Roscoe R. Sitt, a minor.

In reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Isaac S. Seaver, guardian of said minor, praying that he be licensed to sell all private real estate owned by said minor, for the purpose of paying debts and expenses.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 15th day of January, A. D. 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at said session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office in the Village of Ithaca, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petition, together with the petition of said estate, be published in the Village of Ithaca, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Gratiot, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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In the matter of the estate of Rosella Havlin, deceased.

Isaac Havlin, husband of said deceased, having filed in said court his petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of her death the legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

It is ordered, that the 15th day of January, A. D. 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Isaac S. Seaver, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. 12-15-07

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE:—In the matter of the estate of Rosella Havlin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned, executor of the estate of said deceased, by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Gratiot, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1903, there will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the north door of the court house, in the Village of Ithaca, County of Gratiot, in said state, on Monday, the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day (subject to all encumbrances by mortgage or otherwise existing at the time of the death of said deceased, or at the time of sale) the following described real estate, to-wit:

[1/4] of section 16, township eleven (11) north of range four (4) west Gratiot County, Michigan.

Dated, Ithaca, November 3rd, 1903.

EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN ROBERT, deceased.

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ORDINANCE NO. 45.

An ordinance to prohibit expectorating (spitting) upon the sidewalks in the village of Alma, Michigan, and to prohibit the throwing of waste paper and refuse matter upon said walks or upon the streets in said village, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof.

SECTION I. The village of Alma, ordains, that on and after the date when this ordinance shall take effect, no person whomsoever, shall expectorate (spit) upon any of the sidewalks in the village of Alma, Michigan, and no person shall throw or cause to be thrown, any waste paper of any kind or description, or other refuse matter, upon any of the said sidewalks in said village, nor upon any of the streets in said village.

SECTION II. Each violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed to be a separate and complete offense, and for each violation on the same day or on different days, the person so offending shall be liable to the penalties herein provided.

SECTION III. It shall be the duty of the village marshal to make complaint before any justice of the peace in the township in which said village of Alma is located, of any violation of this ordinance coming to his knowledge.

SECTION IV. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, and cost of prosecution, and the court before whom such conviction shall be had, may make a further order or sentence, that in default of the payment of such fine and costs, within a time to be fixed by said court, the person so convicted shall be imprisoned in the county jail of the county in which said village of Alma is located, until such fine and cost shall have been paid, but not for a period to exceed thirty days.

SECTION V. The Common Council shall, immediately upon the passage of this ordinance, provide a sufficient number of notices, giving notice to the persons passing along said sidewalks and streets, of the prohibition of expectorating (spitting) on said sidewalks, and of throwing waste paper or other refuse matter thereon, or on said streets, and said notices shall be substantial, and shall be placed in conspicuous places along the several sidewalks and streets in said village.

SECTION VI. The said Council shall also provide a sufficient number of proper receptacles along the several streets in said village, where all waste paper and refuse matter may be deposited, and said Council shall cause said receptacles to be emptied at intervals, for the proper reception of said waste paper and refuse matter.

SECTION VII. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force twenty days after the date of its passage.

Passed, December 13th, 1903.

State of Michigan, County of Gratiot, Village of Alma, ss:

We, the undersigned, President and Clerk, of the Village of Alma, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing ordinance was duly adopted and passed by the Common Council of the said village of Alma, at a meeting of said council held at the council rooms, in said village, on Tuesday evening, November 15th, A. D. 1903, at which said meeting a majority of said members were present and voting.

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GEORGE S. YOUNG, President.

WILLIAM W. KINCH, Clerk.

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